

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 9

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

15 February 2023

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Mr B van Manen MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The Committee met in private session on Tuesday, 14 February 2023.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 14 February 2023, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 6 March 2023, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 DR SCAMPS:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a framework for transparent and quality public appointments, and to establish Independent Selection Panels and the Office of the Public Appointments Commissioner, and for related purposes. (*Transparent and Quality Public Appointments Bill 2023*)
(*Notice given 14 February 2023.*)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 2 MS STEGGALL:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) Australia has signed the Global Methane Pledge to reduce methane emissions by 30 per cent by 2030;
- (b) methane is the second most abundant greenhouse gas released into the atmosphere and is over 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period;
- (c) the fossil fuel sector accounts for nearly 40 per cent of Australia's methane emissions; and
- (d) the International Energy Agency highlights that methane emissions from oil and gas are some of the easiest to abate; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) enact effective national methane regulations to limit venting and flaring of gas;
- (b) implement best practice regulations from the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership; and
- (c) use the Safeguard Mechanism and other legislative pathways to drive methane capture.

(*Notice given 14 February 2023.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Steggall — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MS MURPHY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Government is:
 - (a) taking responsible and decisive action to take some of the edge off energy price rises; and
 - (b) responding to the energy price rise the previous Minister for Energy hid from the Australian people during the election; and
- (2) acknowledges:
 - (a) that recent energy price rise forecasts were lower than previously predicted; and
 - (b) power prices are lower than they otherwise would be because of the steps the Government is taking.

(Notice given 14 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Murphy — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR VAN MANEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that every 31 minutes someone in Australia is diagnosed with blood cancer, many of whom will require a lifesaving blood stem cell transplant, with:
 - (a) a greater success seen when utilising transplants from the bone marrow of younger donors, particularly men aged 18 to 35 years;
 - (b) patients more likely to find a donor match with those who share a similar ethnic background;
 - (c) 30 per cent of patients finding a match within their family, and 70 per cent needing to find an unrelated donor through the Australian Donor Registry; and
 - (d) a shortage of donors, so that 80 per cent of Australian patients will require a donation from an overseas donor;
- (2) acknowledges that:

- (a) blood donations are currently the main avenue for individuals to join the blood stem cell donor registry in Australia, while cheek swab testing, primarily used overseas, makes the process quicker, easier, and far less intrusive;
 - (b) dependency on foreign donations has halved in nations that utilise cheek swab testing, whereas Australia's dependency has increased;
 - (c) cheek swab testing increases the rate of domestic donations, saving countless lives in the process; and
 - (d) the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry's program, *Strength to Give*, demonstrated that cheek swab testing was a viable, cost-effective method of increasing Australia's donor pool; and
- (3) calls on the Government to work with organisations, such as the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry, to remove the legislative and regulatory impediments that are currently preventing a nationwide rollout of cheek swab-based donor enrolment and to deliver awareness campaigns to assist in increasing the rate of blood stem cell donations, particularly from Australia men aged 18 to 35 years.

(Notice given 7 February 2023.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon.

Speech time limits —

Mr van Manen — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 6 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR HOGAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of providing appropriate protections for Australian businesses investing overseas; and
 - (b) that Australia has negotiated Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clauses over the past 30 years in investment treaties and free trade agreements;
- (2) acknowledges that Australian companies investing in foreign countries have used ISDS clauses to protect their investments from being taken over by foreign governments;
- (3) recalls that:
 - (a) free trade agreement negotiations came to a standstill under the Government of Prime Minister Gillard arising from the refusal to include ISDS clauses in these agreements; and

- (b) it took the re-election of the Coalition Government to get Australia's trade policy back on track; and
- (4) recognises that the current Government's decision to once again scrap ISDS clauses in new free trade agreements and renegotiate them in existing ones shows that the unions are controlling the Government and putting Australia's trade gains at risk.

(Notice given 24 November 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hogan — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 MS SITOU: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the extraordinary contribution teachers, principals and school support staff make to our students and the future of Australia;
- (2) recognises we face a critical and unprecedented teacher shortage that will have consequences across our society; and
- (3) notes the measures the Government has already taken to attract, train and retain teachers.

(Notice given 14 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Sitou — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MR THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with great distress that:
- (a) there were 18,925 victim-survivors of child sexual assault reported in Australia in 2021;
- (b) this accounts for almost two-thirds (61 per cent) of reported victim-survivors of all ages that year; and
- (c) 67 per cent of sexual assaults occurred at residential locations;
- (2) applauds the work of the former Government to implement mandatory minimum sentencing and other measures for child sex offenders through the passing of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019; and
- (3) calls on the Government to implement, in conjunction with state and territory governments, a National Child Sex Offender Register to be a single point of truth

to make public the identities, offences and residential addresses of convicted child sex offenders for the purpose of keeping Australian children safe.

(Notice given 13 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) observes it is one year since Russia's 24 February 2022 invasion of Ukraine;
- (2) deplores the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which continues a pattern of illegal and immoral aggression against Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, which has resulted in a toll of destruction, many thousands of human casualties, and the displacement of over 14 million Ukrainians;
- (3) condemns:
 - (a) acts by Russia aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious, and democratic institutions of the Ukrainian people and Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and
 - (b) Russia for violating international law, noting the clear evidence of war crimes being committed against the Ukrainian people;
- (4) notes Australia continues to stand with Ukraine against Russian aggression and has provided Ukraine with military and humanitarian support, as well as refuge for displaced people, and will continue to do so; and
- (5) reaffirms the 11th Emergency Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which also condemned, deplored, and expressed grave concern over attacks on civilian populations and infrastructure, and reiterates its demand that Russia withdraw from Ukraine's recognised sovereign territory.

(Notice given 14 February 2023.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'
business time prior to 1.30 pm.*

Speech time limits —

Mr Georganas — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR BUCHHOLZ: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the role that the Australian Parliament House Sports Club, under the stewardship of Andy Turnbull, plays in promoting sport, fostering international relations development and friendship as part of a worldwide movement;
- (2) notes the:
 - (a) Australian Parliament House Sports Club is part of a global network which connects with like-minded democracies and unites the world through sport, such as the cricket team visiting the United Kingdom and the rugby team visiting France this year;
 - (b) combined health benefits, both physical and mental, that sport supports, especially in the workplace, by encouraging participation in sport for people of all abilities with a view to improving fitness, health and enjoyment; and
 - (c) professional and bi-partisan manner, in which the Australian Parliament House Sports Club conducts itself; and
- (3) acknowledges that sport is a true global unifier and a successful vehicle for diplomacy, through inclusiveness, gender equity and the participation of people of all abilities.

(Notice given 13 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Buchholz — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

6 MR BURNS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the 6.9 per cent increase in Australian antisemitic incidents logged in the Australian community in the reporting year ending in 2022, on top of the 35 per cent increase over the 2020-2021 reporting period, and recognises:
 - (a) the broad commitment to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), holocaust remembrance and combatting antisemitism;
 - (b) the embrace of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism by governments and institutions around the world;
 - (c) that governments and institutions have also embraced parallel definitions of islamophobia; and
 - (d) that the IHRA definition is about framing what constitutes antisemitism, and not about singling out one form of discrimination over another; and
- (2) reaffirms its commitment to the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

(Notice given 13 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Burns — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

7 MS WATSON-BROWN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's plan for \$254 billion Stage 3 tax cuts for billionaires and politicians while flagging austerity measures in the upcoming Budget; and
- (2) calls on the Government to scrap their unfair Stage 3 tax cuts in the upcoming Budget and instead deliver real cost of living relief by getting dental and mental health into Medicare, making childcare free, and addressing the housing and rental crisis, including by doubling rent assistance.

(Notice given 14 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Watson-Brown — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

8 MS TEMPLEMAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government has launched *Revive: A Place for Every Story, A Story for Every Place* (Revive), Australia's new National Cultural Policy that will set the course for Australia's arts, entertainment and cultural sector for the next five years;
 - (b) Revive comes after a decade of wilful neglect and funding cuts for the arts and entertainment sector;
 - (c) Revive is built on five pillars and puts First Nations first—recognising and respecting the crucial place of these stories at the heart of our arts and culture; and
 - (d) in implementing Revive, the Government will:
 - (i) reverse the former Government's cuts to the Australia Council for the Arts;
 - (ii) establish Creative Australia and create four new bodies: Music Australia, Writers Australia, First Nations First body and a Centre for Arts and Entertainment Workplaces;
 - (iii) almost double the Regional Arts Fund;

- (iv) introduce quotas for Australian content on digital streaming platforms; and
 - (v) legislate to ban fake First Nations' art; and
- (2) acknowledges Revive will bring drive, direction, and vision back to the \$17 billion arts industry which employs an estimated 400,000 Australians.

(Notice given 8 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 25 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Templeman — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 5 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

9 MR MCCORMACK: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Coalition's strong track record of delivering for Pacific Island economies through the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme, which has been instrumental in setting up Pacific workers and farmers for success;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) there are currently 35,000 PALM workers in Australia; and
 - (b) during the COVID-19 pandemic, the former Government managed to double the PALM Scheme from 12,500 to 25,000 participants, which furthered Pacific economies and ensured Australian food security; and
- (3) recognises that this recent additional growth is due to the previous Government's streamlining of the Pacific Labour Scheme, which ensured a more efficient and safer PALM Scheme, in turn benefitting both workers and farmers.

(Notice given 8 February 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr McCormack — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

10 MS STANLEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Australian Labor Party established the National Broadband Network (NBN) Co in 2009;
 - (b) the NBN Co was established to connect all Australians with fast, accessible and reliable broadband;

- (c) the former Government's move to a multi-technology mix, using the copper broadband network, resulted in reduced broadband speeds, less reliability and increased costs to NBN Co; and
 - (d) businesses and everyday Australians require fast and reliable broadband to operate;
- (2) acknowledges that the:
- (a) use of the copper broadband network has delayed access to fast and reliable broadband;
 - (b) existing broadband infrastructure requires upgrading due to the former Government's use of copper technology;
 - (c) Government committed \$2.4 billion in the October 2022-2023 budget to expand full-fibre access to an additional 1.5 million premises by late 2025, including 660,000 in regional Australia; and
 - (d) Government will continue to ensure all Australians can have access to fast and reliable broadband; and
- (3) further notes that Australian families deserve access to internet that is affordable and meets the needs of small business, education, and recreation.

(Notice given 14 February 2023.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 7.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms Stanley — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

THE HON D. M. DICK MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

15 February 2023